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SUBJ: COMMENTS ON MEETING JULY 3 (SALT TWO-657)

1. AT TODAY'S MEETING SEMENOV'S FORMAL STATEMENT INCLUDED A
QUITE DETAILED RESTATEMENT OF THEIR POSITION ON CRUISE MISSILES.

2. IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE IN EFFECT CONFIRMED THAT
HE HAD NOT SAID ANYTHING NEW ON CRUISE MISSILES, STATING THAT
THE POSITION HE HAD SET FORTH WAS THE "FIRM POSITION" OF THE
SOVIET SIDE. I EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT.

3. ALSO IN OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION, READING FROM NOTES, HE
RESTATED THEIR POSITION ON VERIFICATION, AGAIN STATING THIS
WAS THE "FIRM POSITION" OF THE SOVIET SIDE. IN REVIEWING OUR
POSITION AND IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SATISFACTORY RESOLUTION OF
VERIFICATION PROBLEM WITHIN TEXT OF AGREEMENT ITSELF RATHER
THAN WAITING FOR UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS, I SAID THAT
THEIR POSITION WAS NOT SIMPLY "GOOD ENOUGH." I REPEATED OUR
WILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO ANY ALTERNATIVES THEY COULD PUT FORWARD.
I EXPRESSED MY REGRET THAT THERE COULD BE NO FORWARD MOVEMENT
ON THIS ISSUE PRIOR TO THE MEETING OF THE SECRETARY AND THE
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FOREIGN MINISTER. THROUGHOUT OUR EXTENDED DISCUSSION THIS

SUBJECT, NEITHER OF US REFERRED IN ANY WAY TO "THE ANONYMOUS IDEA."

4. IN RESPONSE TO HIS PRESSING ME ON ANSWER TO THEIR PROPOSALS FOR BANNING NEW TYPES OF OFFENSIVE ARMS, I POINTED OUT HOW THIS WAS IN PART RELATED TO RESOLUTION OF CRUISE MISSILE ISSUE AS WELL AS TO MOBILES. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION, HE SAID HE HAD NOTHING TO SAY ON RELATIONSHIP OF LAND AND AIR MOBILES AND DID NOT DISAGREE WITH MY STATEMENT THAT THEY HAD THUS FAR SAID NOTHING WITH RESPECT TO LAND MOBILES.

5. HE AGAIN PRESSED HARD FOR OUR RESPONSE ON "NON-TRANSFER."

6. IN BOTH HIS PLENARY STATEMENT AND OUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION HE RESTATED THEIR POSITION ON BACKFIRE. "ALL THE ELOQUENCE OF CICERO COULD NOT TURN A MEDIUM BOMBER INTO A HEAVY BOMBER." HE SAID THAT AT MONDAY'S MEETING HE WOULD DEAL WITH THEIR LIST OF SYSTEMS TO BE BANNED.

7. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 7.

8. THERE WILL BE NO HIGHLIGHTS CABLE THIS MEETING.
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